Moving Permits for Brake and Light Inspections

New Policy

Effective immediately, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will issue **only** one-day Vehicle Moving Permits (REG 172) if a brake and/or light inspection certificate is required and has not been submitted.

Once the brake and light certificates **and** all vehicle registration fees (current fees and any fees due within 60 days) have been submitted, a temporary operating permit (TOP) may be issued.

Procedures

To move a vehicle that is required to have a brake and/or light inspection, a REG 172 (valid for one day) may be obtained from a DMV field office. There is no fee for the REG 172; however, the vehicle registration fees must be paid or the vehicle must currently be on planned nonoperation status.

To obtain a TOP, submit the application, the original brake and light certificates, and all vehicle registration fees (current fees and any fees due within 60 days) to DMV, and request the TOP.

Background

To ensure public safety, the department may refuse registration if a vehicle is mechanically unsafe or unfit to be operated or moved on California highways.

Currently a 60-day TOP is issued when brake and/or light inspection certificates are required and have not been submitted. Due to public safety concerns, brake and light certificates must be completed and submitted to DMV before a TOP is issued.

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